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To Members of the Michigan Legislature:

The Dickinson County Bar Association is composed of more than three dozen lawyers. When the members of that bar association were informed of the provisions of House Bill 5095, the members were polled to determine their position with regard to the provisions in the Bill which provides that two judges from the 41st Circuit are to be eliminated by attrition.

While all of the members of the Dickinson County Bar have not been reached to grant authority to the writing of this letter, more than half of them have been reached and those persons reached unanimously agree that the provision in the Bill removing two judges from the 41st Circuit is inappropriate and should be removed.

The Upper Peninsula represents about 2% of the State's population and yet 20% of the judges to be eliminated come from the Upper Peninsula. Of those nine judges from the Upper Peninsula to be eliminated two of them are to be removed from the 41st Circuit.

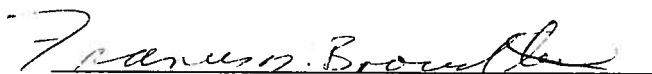
Removal of two judges from this Circuit would amount to a pittance in terms of the budget of the State of Michigan but would have an extremely adverse effect on all of the lawyers in this Circuit and the people of this Circuit who would have decisions in their cases and hearings in their cases delayed by substantial amounts of time because of the removal of two of our judges.

You are urged to amend the Bill to eliminate the removal of judges from the 41st Circuit or, at the most, to provide that only one judge is eliminated.

We thank you in advance for the time, attention and favorable consideration, that we believe this request will receive.

On behalf of the Dickinson County Bar Association, I am signing this letter,

Respectfully yours,


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